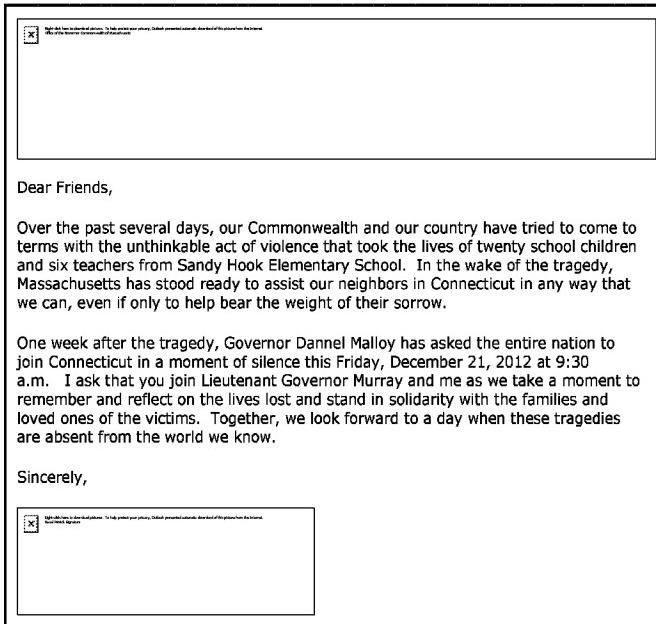


**From:** Governor Deval L. Patrick <constituent.service@state.ma.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** Farak, Sonja (DPH)  
**Subject:** Moment of Silence



Dear Friends,

Over the past several days, our Commonwealth and our country have tried to come to terms with the unthinkable act of violence that took the lives of twenty school children and six teachers from Sandy Hook Elementary School. In the wake of the tragedy, Massachusetts has stood ready to assist our neighbors in Connecticut in any way that we can, even if only to help bear the weight of their sorrow.

One week after the tragedy, Governor Dannel Malloy has asked the entire nation to join Connecticut in a moment of silence this Friday, December 21, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. I ask that you join Lieutenant Governor Murray and me as we take a moment to remember and reflect on the lives lost and stand in solidarity with the families and loved ones of the victims. Together, we look forward to a day when these tragedies are absent from the world we know.

Sincerely,

